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ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450BY TELEFAX:  
571-273-6500MAR -9 PM 4:  
US PATENT & TRADEMARK  
OFFICE**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT REFUND REQUEST**

Dear Sir:

PLEASE CREDIT A REFUND TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS.

Deposit Account: 50-0507

Amount of Charge: \$50.00

Date of Charge: 01/24/06

Amount to be Refunded: \$50.00

Date of Statement: 01/31/06

Fee Code: 1202

Control No. of Charge: 1

Description: Pat App 10/615148  
(App, Pat, TM or Order No.)

Attorney Docket No.: 4541

Reason for Refund: ☒ Improper unauthorized charge by USPTO  
☐ Wrong amount charged by USPTO  
☐ Duplicate charge

Explanation:

No extra claim fee is due. The original application included 22 claims, and the fee for 22 claims (2 extra, Small Entity) was paid on 7/7/03.

The Response of 1/19/06 included only 21 claims (i.e. claims 1, 3-16, 18-21, 23 and 24). Thus, no extra claim fee is due. (Also, the applicant has claimed Small Entity status, so even if an extra claim fee was due (which it was not), the fee would apply at the Small Entity level.)

Sincerely,

Walter F. Fasse  
USPTO Reg. No. 36132

P.S. The further Response of 2/21/06 introduced 1 extra claim and included payment (PTO-2038) of the extra claim fee.

20 SHEETS TOTAL  
BY TELEFAX TO:  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

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INVENTOR: Peter WEINHOLD et al. | DOCKET NO.: 4541

APPLICATION NO.: 10/615,148 | CONFIRM. NO.: 8214

FILING DATE: July 7, 2003 | ART UNIT: 2837

TITLE OF INVENTION: | EXAMINER: E. SAN MARTIN

Engine Exhaust Muffler with  
Guide Vanes Imparting a  
Successively Alternating Spiral  
Swirl Gas Flow

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. BOX 1450  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

February 21, 2006

Dear Sir:

- 1) For filing in the above application, we are enclosing:
- a) Supplemental Response (16 pages) to the Final Office Action of October 19, 2005;
  - b) RCE Request Form;
  - c) Term Extension Request; and
  - d) Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038).
- 2) An additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY	OR	LARGE ENTITY	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL: 23	MINUS: 22	1	X=\$ 25.00		X=\$	=\$ 25.00
INDEP: 2	MINUS: 3	0	X=\$ 0		X=\$	=\$ 0
					TOTAL FEE:	=\$ 25.00

See enclosed PTO-2038 for fee payment.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Walter Fasse*  
Walter F. Fasse, Reg. No. 36132  
USPTO Customer No. 021553

**CERTIFICATE OF FAX TRANSMISSION:**

I hereby certify that this correspondence with all indicated enclosures is being transmitted by telefax to (571) 273-8300 on the date indicated below, and is addressed to: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450.

*Walter Fasse* 2/21/06  
Name: Walter F. Fasse - Date: February 21, 2006

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